

*Application No.: 10/648,353*  
*Reply dated July 7, 2006*  
*Reply to Office Action dated June 8, 2006*

*Docket No.: 2091-0287P*  
*Art Unit: 2622*  
*Page 2 of 3*

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application.

The Applicants elect Species/Embodiment 1: Figure 2, in response to the election of species requirement. The Applicants submit that at least claims 1-3, 9-11, and 17-19 read on the elected species. However, it is the Applicants' understanding that the above election of species serves as a starting point for initial examination purposes only. Upon indication of allowable subject matter, the Examiner must expand the search to encompass other non-elected species with the intent of finding all generic claims ultimately allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, (Registration No. 32,181) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.



*Application No.: 10/648,353*  
*Reply dated July 7, 2006*  
*Reply to Office Action dated June 8, 2006*

*Docket No.: 2091-0287P*  
*Art Unit: 2622*  
*Page 3 of 3*

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: July 7, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

By  #42874  
 Marc S. Weiner  
Registration No.: 32,181  
BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP  
8110 Gatehouse Road  
Suite 100 East  
P.O. Box 747  
Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747  
(703) 205-8000  
Attorney for Applicant